



THOMAS FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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Date: 12/21/2017 Time: 7:00 AM

Ventura County Fire Information Line: 805-465-6650

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STATUS

Incident Start Date: 12/04/2017		Incident Start Time: 6:26 P.M.	
Incident Type: Wildland Fire		Cause: Under Investigation	
Incident Location: Santa Paula / Ventura		Expected Containment: 01/07/2018	
Total Acreage: 272,200		Containment: 60%	
Firefighter Fatalities: 1	Firefighter Injuries: 0	Civilian Injuries: 0	
Total Cost To Date: \$167,062,000.00			
Structures Threatened: 18,000	Single Family Residences Destroyed: 775	Single Family Residences Damaged: 208	
Multiple Residence Destroyed: 2	Mixed Commercial/Residential Destroyed: 2		
Commercial Structures Destroyed: 19	Other Minor Structures Destroyed: 265	Other Minor Structures Damaged: 59	

RESOURCES

Engines: 407	Water Tenders: 54	Helicopters: 34	Air Tankers: 0	Hand Crews: 148
Dozers: 31	Other: 6	Total Personnel: 5644		

SITUATION

Current Situation:	<p>A dry cold front crossed into the fire area starting late Wednesday, bringing strong north winds comparable to those that occurred when the fire moved into Montecito on the 16th.</p> <p>The fire area has not received any rainfall over .10 inches since February. Live fuel conditions are far below critical levels, with record ERCs continuing to be set for this time of year. No precipitation is forecast for the foreseeable future. After the passage of the front, Santa Anas are expected to return.</p> <p>A strong presence of suppression resources will continue to be in place during the period of the north wind event. At the time of this report, limited fire activity occurred with the increase in winds. The north winds are predicted to last into Thursday morning. The past three days of reduced fire behavior has allowed crews to continue securing the Montecito area effectively with tactical patrol and line improvement. Spots to the west of Gibraltar Road have been contained and are being mopped up. The current north wind event will wind test these areas, as remnant heat will be fanned by strong wind.</p> <p>Crews are mopping the Camino Cielo to strengthen the fireline there. To the north of Camino Cielo, direct and indirect line construction is ongoing toward the Zaca fire, with cold trailing occurring as possible. Direct line construction is continuing within the Zaca fire footprint. From the Zaca Fire, a</p>
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	<p>significant firing operation was hampered by west winds, interrupting the operation until favorable winds return. Firing to Rose Valley is estimated to take four days to complete. East of Rose Valley will continue direct line construction, moving toward the Sespe Wilderness boundary.</p> <p>North of the community of Fillmore fire behavior was minimal where it has backed into the Sespe drainage. To the north, the fire is slowly moving through the Sespe Wilderness and Bear Haven area, where it is being closely monitored.</p> <p>Carpinteria, the Ojai Valley area, and Highway 126 between Highway 150 and Fillmore are all in patrol status. Resources have maintained a presence along the Highway 101 area, to the east of Fillmore to Highway 150.</p>
Mandatory Evacuations:	<p>SANTA BARBARA COUNTY 192 at North Ontare Rd, East on 192 to Ladera Ln, and then north to East Camino Cielo.</p> <p>East of Mission Canyon Rd, west to Olive Mill Rd., everything north of the APS/Salinas St/101 to Hwy 192. There is a small section of the road open to commercial traffic only, known as Coast Village Rd.</p> <p>UNINCORPORATED VENTURA COUNTY Residents and day visitors of Rose Valley</p>
Voluntary Evacuations	<p>SANTA BARBARA COUNTY North of Hwy 192(Foothill rd) to East Camino Cielo in between Hwy 154 and N. Ontare Rd. East of and including North San Marcos Rd to SR 154 and north of Cathedral Oaks Rd to the intersection of SR 154 and North of San Marcos Rd. Painted Cave community, north of 154 and south of East Camino Cielo along Painted Cave Rd. Areas East of Cienguitas Road, east to Mission Canyon Rd Road between State Street and SR 192</p>
Evacuation Centers:	<p>City of Ventura - Ventura County Fairgrounds at Miners Building City of Goleta – UCSB – Recreation Center</p>
Animal Evacuations:	<p>All animal evacuations are being handled at the Ventura County Fairgrounds located at 10 W Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001</p>
Cooperating Agencies:	<p>CAL FIRE, Ventura County Fire, Ventura County Sheriff, Santa Barbara County Fire, Santa Barbara County Sheriff, Santa Barbara City Fire, City of Ventura Fire, Oxnard Fire Department, Oxnard Police Department, City of Ventura Police Department, USFS/Los Padres National Forest, CAL OES, Red Cross, Southern California Edison, CHP, California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation, SoCalGas, Santa Paula Police, Santa Paula Fire, Ventura County OES, Santa Barbara OEM, Montecito Fire, Carpinteria – Summerland Fire, California Conservation Corp, Cal Trans</p>
<p>For more information on Ready, Set, Go, go to www.readyforwildfire.org For more fire information go to https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5670</p>	